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SUBJ: ROK-JAPAN MINISTERIAL MEETING

1. FONOFF HAS ANNOUNCED THAT JAPAN AND SOUTH KOREA WILL HOLD EIGHTH MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE SEPTEMBER 15. DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER TAKEO FUKUDA, FONMIN KIICHI MIYAZAWA, AND MITI MINISTER TOSHIO KOMOTO WILL ATTEND FOR JAPANESE SIDE DEPARTING TOKYO VIA CHARTERED AIRCRAFT SEPTEMBER 14. FINANCE MINISTER MASAYOSHI OHIRA, PREOCCUPIED WITH DRAFTING FISCAL 1975 BUDGET, WILL SEND DEPUTY TO MEETING.

2. ACCORDING TO ANNOUNCEMENT, PARTICIPANTS WILL EXCHANGE VIEWS ON CURRENT INTERNATIONAL SITUATION, BILATERAL POLITICAL AS WELL AS TRADE AND ECONOMIC RELATIONS. THE CABINET MINISTERS WILL PAY COURTESY CALL ON PRESIDENT PARK.

3. COMMENT. WE SUSPECT OHIRA'S ABSENCE REFLECTS DESIRE TO AVOID PERSONAL INVOLVEMENT WITH IMPROVEMENT OF ROK-JAPAN RELATIONS AS MUCH AS IT DOES PREOCCUPATION WITH BUDGET. AS REPORTED PREVIOUSLY, HE HAS BEEN CONSISTENT OPPONENT OF FURTHER DEVELOPMENTAL AID TO ROK.

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4. PRESS REPORTS ON MINISTERIAL SAY THAT JAPANESE GOVERNMENT WILL

PROMISE TO EXTEND DEVELOPMENTAL ECONOMIC AID TO ROK WORTH SOME  
300 MILLION DOLLARS A YEAR. THESE FIGURES ARE NOT REPEAT NOT  
ACCURATE ACCORDING MITI AND FONOFF SOURCES. ECONOMIC AID  
PROSPECTS TO BE DISCUSSED AT MINISTERIAL WILL BE SUBJECT SEPTTEL.  
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